

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/785,572

Examiner

Ephrem Alemu

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2-08-06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2 and 4-13.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 2/14/06 & 4/11/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


WILSON LEE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael H. Trenholm on 4-11-06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 7, line 2, "hand-held fluorescent" has been replaced with --portable--.

In claim 10, line 3, "multiple" has been replaced with --pair of--;

line 4, "multiple" has been replaced with --pair of twin tube--;

line 7, "multiple fluorescent" has been replaced with --pair of twin tube PL fluorescent--;

line 7, "multiple switches" has been replaced with --switch assembly--;

line 10, "the multiple" has been replaced with --the pair of--;

line 10, "including multiple twin tube PL lams" has been replaced with --including a pair of twin tube PL fluorescent lamps--;

line 13, "pace" has been replaced with --space--;

line 15, "multiple" has been replaced with --pair of twin tube--; and

line 17, "switches" has been replaced with --switch assembly--

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In claim 11, lines 1 and 2, "the multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps comprise two twin tube PL fluorescent lamps and" has been deleted; and

line 3, "the two twin tube" has been replaced with --the pair of twin tube--.

Claim 14 has been canceled.

The amendments have been made to correct minor informalities and further eliminate lack of antecedent basis.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 2 and 4-13 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: It is agreed that the prior art of record fail to teach or suggest alone or in combination, a portable lamp assembly including the combination of the limitations: "multiple switches (switch assembly) coupled to the multiple (pair of) twin tube PL fluorescent lamps respectively, wherein the multiple switches (switch assembly) control the multiple PL fluorescent lamps independently and a ballast circuitry configured to generate regulated power, wherein the regulated power is selectively provided to the multiple (pair of) twin tube PL fluorescent lamps by the multiple switches (switch assembly) wherein the ballast circuit is a solid state ballast circuit that includes at least one pair of oscillating transistors that are adapted to provide regulated power to start and operate the multiple (pair of) twin tube PL fluorescent lamps including multiple (pair of) twin tube PL lamps with integral starters" in a manner claimed in claims 2 and 10. It is for these reasons in combination with all the other limitations in the independent claims 2 and 10, and in light of the terminal disclaimer filed on 2-08-06 that claims 2, 4-9, and 10-13 are allowable over prior art of record.

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Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ephrem Alemu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1818. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F Flex hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy P Callahan can be reached on (571) 272-1740. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned to (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1562.

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4-11-06


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